

On August 29, 2012, Hurricane Isaac came ashore and caused tremendous damage to St. John the Baptist Parish. This presented a **unique opportunity** for the Parish to take advantage of the new FEMA-sponsored long-term recovery process. Parish President Natalie Robottom, along with the State and Federal Coordinating Officers (FCO/SCO), made the decision to activate the *National Disaster Recovery Framework* (NDRF) – using the principles of recovery articulated in the NDRF to create a *Long-Term Community Recovery* (LTCR) *Plan*. Adopting the “**whole community**” concepts noted within the **NDRF**, the Plan harnesses the energy, resources and input from all stakeholders in the community. It enhances the potential for a **more successful recovery** by fostering **coordination among stakeholders** such as local community organizations, State and Federal agencies, and other nongovernmental (NGO) partners. Through the LTCR Plan, St. John the Baptist Parish has identified **strategic** initiatives and activities necessary to enhance the resiliency of the Parish. The LTCR Plan identifies resources supporting the strategic initiatives, encourages **partnerships** in investments of public and private recovery funds, offers the possibility of a **greater return on recovery investments** and results in a community that is safer, stronger and **more resilient**.

To view the St. John the Baptist Parish, *Louisiana Community Recovery Strategy* (May 2013), click on this link:

<http://gohsep.la.gov/agencyrelated/SJBRecoveryStrategy.pdf>

To learn more on how to create your own LTCR plan, download the *FEMA Long-Term Recovery Toolbox*: <http://www.fema.gov/library/viewRecord.do?id=6194>